

Montgomery, Alabama

R5-5 WHD

Mr. W. L. McArthur
Community Manager
Farm Security Administration
Enterprise, Alabama

Dear Mr. McArthur:

Confirming our phone chat this morning, Miss Marion Post of our Washington staff will visit your project for three or four days, arriving sometime Monday, March 20. Miss Post has a list of views desired by the Washington office, and I am submitting herewith a list that we suggest be made at this time.

Request No. 1--Views of old school buildings, including one shot or more of interiors; views of the new school buildings, including shots of interiors with students in foreground. In particular, I would like to have shots of girls in home economic classes, pictures of the adult classes and such other views that might show the equipment provided and the usage of same. I would like to have views of the shop and of school gardens with students showing activities.

Request No. 2--Please arrange to provide the opportunity to make at least three views of Mary Louise Teal, FSA paid nurse, rendering some service to the clients. A shot of the health rooms with staged examination of school kids. A shot of the pre-natal or well-baby group meetings is desired, as well as two or more shots of the venereal clinic.

Request No. 3--Problem views, purposed to depict the conditions of our people prior to the institution of the various programs. In this connection, Mr. Wood desires a view of the camel-back house near Elba. I understand the occupants have moved into the next house, which is considered the better house. If possible I would like to have interiors of both houses with the families.

Request No. 4--I desire three or four shots of clients engaged in plowing or planting, two shots with client and supervisor in the foreground inspecting hogs or cattle. Miss Garrett will be on hand to plan with Miss Maddox and Miss Christianson some views that will illustrate the home management supervision. In this connection I would like to have at least three views of the home supervisor working with the families, supposedly assisting in record keeping. A view of one of the supervisors with a group of five or six women engaged in sewing, canning or other work intended to show small group instruction; a shot of a supervisor with the client engaged in inspecting or doing something with baby chicks. Shots of four good gardens with clients

McArthur -2-

in action in foreground. If possible we would like to have two or three views of equipment that was purchased with a Group Service Loan (cooperative). Views of pure-bred sires or start in livestock raising by three or four of the clients would be valuable.

Request No. 5--If possible I would like to secure views of the local medical association as follows: The officers in a group and three or four views that will support the story of the operation.

I realize the above is rather a large order, especially when it will be added to the list of views included in Miss Post's assignment from Washington and I ask you to make revisions in the above lists as appears necessary and advisable so that the pictures made will be in line with your ideas and will effectively present phases of our work.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Dent
Regional Information Adviser

WRD/mj 3-16-39